Response to Restriction Rd

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REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121. Applicants were requested to elect one of four designated groups as briefly noted below:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to polypeptides of SEQ ID NO:2, classified in class 530, subclass 300 and 350.
- II. Claims 6-15, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, recombinant expression vectors, method for producing polypeptides, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.
- III. Claims 16, 17-19, and 21, drawn to antibodies and methods of making antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1, 387.9, 388.1, and 388.15.
- IV. Claim 20, drawn to anti-idiotype antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.2.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicants elect Group II, claims 6-15, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, recombinant expression vectors, methods for producing polypeptides, without traverse. Claims 1-5 and 16-21 are withdrawn from the case; however, Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6540.

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